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Citizens Telecommunications Company )  
of Illinois and Diverse Communications, Inc. )  
Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated )  
Amendment to Interconnection Agreement )  
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252. )  
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CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE  
Docket No. 02- 0213

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED  
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS  
AND DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois ("Citizens") and Diverse Communications, Inc. ("Diverse") hereby request that the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") review and approve the attached Amendment to Agreement Between Citizens Communications Company of Illinois and Diverse Communications, Inc. (the "Amendment"), pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(1) through 252(e) (the "Act"). In support thereof, the parties state as follows:

1. On December 21, 2001, in docket 01-0670, the Illinois Commerce Commission issued an Order approving a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Citizens and Diverse.
2. The Amendment to that Negotiated Interconnection Agreement attached hereto was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties as contemplated by § 252(a) of the Act.
3. Pursuant to § 252(e)(2) of the Act, the Commission may only reject a negotiated agreement or amendment if it finds that (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier,

or (2) implementation of the Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.

4. As set forth in the attached Statement in Support, the implementation of the Amendment is consistent with the public interest and Citizens will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Amendment is not discriminatory.

5. In accordance with § 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

6. Copies of the Amendment are available for public inspection in Citizens' and Diverse's public offices.

WHEREFORE, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois and Diverse Communications, Inc. respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Local Interconnection Agreement under § 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Dated: 3/5/02

Respectfully submitted,

**CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COMPANY OF ILLINOIS**

By: Kari Tarver

**DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC**

By: George West

# VERIFICATION

I, George Wirt [name], do on oath depose and state that that I am  
General Manager [title] for Direx Communications, that I have read the foregoing  
Petition and that I know the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the  
best of my knowledge, information and belief.

George Wirt  
[Name]

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF

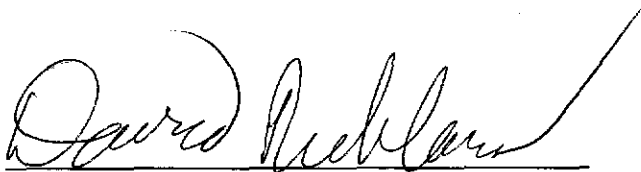
March, 2002.

Karen L Goff  
NOTARY PUBLIC



## VERIFICATION

I, David Ruhland, do on oath depose and state that that I am a Regulatory Manager for Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois, that I have read the foregoing Petition and that I know the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



David Ruhland

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF

March, 2002.



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